

Fowler talked about this being not new. That is correct. The first original bill was passed in 1943. I refer to it as the "Rosy, the Riveter" bill, World War II, Martin Bomber Plant down in South Omaha. They were having some problems. The Board of Control operated it at that time. It didn't have anything to do with the Welfare Department because we didn't have one. Now those rules and regulations were only put in in the metropolitan area, the City of Omaha, and the minute the war was over with, the regulations went away and there has never been any written until 1970 when they started spending federal funds.

SENATOR MAXEY: Okay, thank you. I stand to strongly oppose this bill. We have talked about the inconvenience of getting a license for the people who want to be licensed for baby-sitters. We have not talked about the child care and the child health care for the baby and the children that are involved in the situation. Senator DeCamp talked about the neighbor next door that you grew up with several years ago but maybe that person was part of the extended family. Now, as we all know, families are very mobile so, therefore, we have to depend on sometimes strangers taking care of our children and children sometimes can't talk and tell you what has happened during the whole long day, whether they have been wet all day or whether they cried all day or they whether they missed lunch all day. So I oppose this bill mainly from the point of view if we have regulations and you can already be a baby-sitter without having a license in the State of Nebraska. I believe the bill and the statutes should be followed that we already have on the books. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I was just talking to a lovely lady who said that her mother reared seventeen children and I don't know that the nineteen is the right figure or, Senator DeCamp, nine is the right number. I don't see anything wrong with a lady raising or rearing several children. You know we attempt to legislate everything perfect physically for these young people and I don't know that that is possible. I don't know that it is perfect in our own homes. If the fire marshal were to come into your home, he probably would put you out of business rearing your own child or children, if you have more than one. I know of two specific incidents in my area where two mothers were caring for children, they were put out of business by the Fire Marshal's Office. They couldn't possibly afford to do what was necessary to stay in business. So I don't think, I like your bill, Senator Kelly, and I think we should allow these mothers who wish to take care of a child or two or three or nine or fourteen or whatever they want to increase their income at home, many of them rearing a child or two of their own. This allows them to do this. I don't believe we should attempt to force so much legislation on everybody that tries to do a little something.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirlev Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, Senator Kelly feels that parents are qualified to make decisions about their own children. So do I. Licensing does not negate this. Licensing acknowledges that in many